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1. THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE (GOC) IS IN A DILEMMA AS TO HOW TO RID ITSELF OF ITS HIGHEST LEVEL POLITICAL PRISONER, LUIS CORVALAN, FORMER SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CHILEAN COMMUNIST PARTY (PCCH). IT DARES NOT EXECUTE HIM FOR FEAR OF INTERNATIONAL REPERCUSSIONS AND IT DOES NOT WISH TO SEND HIM INTO EXILE WITHOUT RECEIVING SOMETHING IN EXCHANGE. THE GOC WANTS CORVALAN OUT OF CHILE AS SOON AS FEASIBLE. CHILEAN OFFICIALS ARE CONSIDERING AN APPROACH TO CUBAN PREMIER FIDEL

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CASTRO TO OFFER AN EXCHANGE OF CORVALAN FOR ONE OR MORE OF THE ANTI-CASTRO PRISONERS BEING HELD IN CUBA. THE GOC DOES NOT WANT TO DEAL DIRECTLY WITH CASTRO, NOR DOES IT WISH TO USE A THIRD COUNTRY GOVERNMENT AS AN INTERMEDIARY.

2. [REDACTED] HAS SUGGESTED THAT THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT CONSIDER USING THE GOOD OFFICES OF CUBAN EXILES LIVING IN THE UNITED STATES. HE ASKED GOVERNMENT ADVISORS TO SUGGEST NAMES OF SUM EXILES WHO WOULD ACT AS BROKERS IN ARRANGING THE EXCHANGE.

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[REDACTED] A PURPORTED UNOFFICIAL OFFER BY THE
SOVIET UNION THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE RELEASE CORVALAN
IN EXCHANGE FOR A SOVIET PROMISE TO CEASE ORCHESTRATING
INTERNATIONAL ANTI-JUNTA ACTIVITIES.)

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